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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JAPANESE AIDE MEMOIRE PRESENTED TO MICHAEL STYLES, DIRECTOR, EB/OA, BY JAPANESE EMBOFF ON JUNE 16, 1978: "THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED THAT, WITH REGARD TO THE ENTRY OF NEW U.S. AIRLINES INTO THE SEATTLE/PORTLAND AND JAPAN ROUTE (THE SEATTLE/PORTLAND-JAPAN CASE), THE U.S. CAB, AT ITS OPEN BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 1978, MADE THE TENTATIVE DECISION IN FAVOR OF GRANTING AN OPERATING PERMIT TO UNITED AIRLINES, SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMING, AT THE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 12, 1978, THAT THIS TENTATIVE DECISION SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT REGRETS THAT, ALTHOUGH IT HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS VIEW DURING THE COURSE OF AIR TRANSPORT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL AS ON OTHER OCCASIONS THAT IT FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO ADMIT NEW U.S. AIRLINES TO ENTER THE SAID ROUTE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT PAID SUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION TO

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THE JAPANESE VIEW MENTIONED ABOVE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, AGAIN INFORMS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF THE VIEWS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1) THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE ATTENTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO THE VIEWS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED IN THE PAST PERTAINING TO THE SEATTLE/PORTLAND

CASE AND TO EXPRESS ITS GENUINE CONCERN THAT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS CASE COULD NOT ONLY AGGRAVATE THE CURRENT AIR TRANSPORT SITUATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHERE NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED IN THE SERIES OF PAST AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS, BUT FURTHER ENLARGE THE EXISTING IMBALANCE BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. REGARDING AIR RIGHTS, SPECIFICALLY IN ROUTE RIGHTS AND CAPACITY, THEREBY UNDUELY AFFECTING THE JAPANESE AIRLINE.

2) THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT STRONGLY HOPES THAT, WITH A VIEW TO MAINTAINING A HARMONIOUS AND PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE MUTUALLY CONFIRMED AS DESIRABLE AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST TALKS IN WASHINGTON, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY REQUEST WHICH WILL BRING ABOUT THE FURTHERANCE OF THE EXISTING IMBALANCE, SUCH AS ENTRY OF NEW U.S. AIRLINES TO THE JAPANESE TRADES, ADDITION OF NEW POINTS TO THE EXISTING SERVICES OF U.S. AIRLINES, AND THE INCREASE OF FREQUENCIES OF U.S. CARRIERS EXCEEDING THE CURRENT LIMIT OF SLOTS. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES, ACCORDINGLY, ITS MOST SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM THE CAB'S TENTATIVE DECISION THAT UNITED AIRLINES BE AWARDED THE RIGHT TO JAPAN.

2. STYLES DID NOT COMMENT ON THE AIDE MEMOIRE TO EMBOFF.
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